Dragon Knights

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Treasure Hunt

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AND THAT LAST PIECE IS IN THIS STONEWARE SHOP.
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
GREAT!
I JUST NEED ONE MORE PIECE TO COMPLETE THE MAP.
ONCE I HAVE IT...
...THE THREE TREASURES WILL BE AS GOOD AS FOUND!

LUWA
???
HMM...
WHOA...

HERE IT'S ON THE HOUSE.
Ah!
mmm
YOU
I CAN'T BELIEVE HER!
SHE SAID SHE'D BE BACK WITH THE LAST PIECE.
HUH?
SHE TRYING TO DITCH ME?
WHAT?!
ALONE?!
WELL, HE ASKED IF I'D HEARD ANY FUNNY RUMORS.
WHAT'D YOU GUYS TALK ABOUT?
YEAH, HE JUST LEFT.
KAISTERN HAS BEEN AROUND HERE RECENTLY, RIGHT?
MASTER, HERE'S THE STUFF YOU WANTED.
PUT IT OVER THERE.
THANKS, THATZ.
SHE WENT TO LUWA.
IS KITCHEL AROUND?
HA! HA! NO PROBLEM!
I FEEL BAD MAKING A DRAGON KNIGHT RUN ERRANDS.
HOW'D HE KNOW I WAS A DRAGON KNIGHT?

dash
thack!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
WHAM

OH. HERE, YOU WERE ASKING FOR THIS.
DID YA TELL HIM EVERY-THING?
SO, WHAT'D YA SAY?
BUT, HELL BE GONE FOR A LONG TIME.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S LOOK-ING FOR.
PRETTY MUCH, YEAH.
ISN'T THIS A MAP OF THE WHOLE WORLD?
CALLED THE WEST MAP?
THINK OF IT AS PAYMENT FOR SERVICES REN-DERED.
THE NEW WEST MAP.
THANKS.

END
WHAT?
SOME-
ONE
STOLE
THE
MAP!
IT'S
GONE!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

...
...
KITCHEL?

IT'S
...

WHAT
HAP-
PENED?
DID
YA
FIND
THE
LAST
PIECE?
hupp
pupp
hupp
pupp

SAY AGAIN?
WILL YOU PAY ATTENTION.
I HAVE THE OTHER PIECES RIGHT HERE. LOOK.
YOU WANT ME TO LOOK AT YOUR CHEST?
OKAY ...
Damn, she kicked me..
...IF YOU AIN'T GOT IT, WHO TOOK IT?
SO...
SMART ASS.
Witch
HOW DUMB DO YOU THINK I AM? MOST OF THE MAP IS SAFE.
IT'S JUST THE LAST PIECE THAT'S GONE.
I THOUGHT THE WHOLE MAP WAS GONE!
YOU SCARED THE HELL OUT OF ME!

WHAT'S SO FUNNY?
Plop
Plop
What are?
WHAT'S THE POINT OF THIEVING IF YOU IGNORE THE ART OF IT?

TALK ABOUT A CLUMSY THIEF. WHO IS THIS GUY?
UH, RIGHT.
It's broken

GREAT.
HOW ARE WE GONNA FIND OUT ABOUT THE THIEF NOW?

YEAH, I NOTICED THAT.
THE OWNER'S IN SOME KIND OF TRANCE.

HEY!
WHO ARE YOU?

BACK IN LUWA
THE LAST PIECE WAS IN A STONEWARE SHOP...
HUH? STORE...
CLERK?
I DON'T KNOW. BUT I BET THE STORE CLERK DOES.

WOW. WHAT A MESS.
BUT THE PLACE WAS RANSACKED.
...ON AN EGG-SHAPED ORNAMENT, ACTUALLY.

A DEMON NAMED EKIDONNA.
HE LIVES IN THE EAST TOWER.
OH!
A DEMON?!
A DEMON...
UH... YES!
SCARY...
DISCUS
WHAT?
UM...
YEAH. SCARY, HUH?

...CUSTOMERS!
WE JUST CAME TO SHOP AND FOUND THE PLACE A SHAMBLES.
OH, WE'RE --
mmph

REALLY ?!
THE WHOLE TOWN KNOWS WHO THE THIEF IS.
WHO IS IT?
YOU EXPECTED TO BE ROBBED?
AH, HE GOT US.
I KNEW THIS WAS GOING TO HAPPEN.
I'M SORRY, FOLKS.

HE'S HIT PRETTY MUCH EVERY PLACE IN TOWN. SO IT'S NOTHING NEW... WE'RE USED TO IT.
HE BRAGS ABOUT BEING THE BEST THIEF IN THE PROVINCE.
THE BEST THIEF?!
HUH?
HEY, WAIT!
WHY ...?!
...DO THEY WANT TO ROB HIM SO BADLY?
I HEAR YA! WHAT D'YA SAY WE ROB THIS EKIDONNA DUDE BLIND!
THATZ, WE CAN'T LET A YOKAI OUT-THIEVE US!

A DEMON...
sigh
RATH REALLY SHOULD BE HERE FOR THIS. HE'D ENJOY THIS WAY MORE THAN ME.
this ain't gonna be easy
YOU SEE, EKIDONNA'S DIFFERENT.
YOKAI USUALLY KILL PEOPLE, RIGHT?
UM ...
SURE.
WELL, NOT HIM.
HUH?
YOU KNOW... HE'S NOT THAT SCARY.
snap!
HE ONLY STEALS.

EKTOMNA'S
TOWER IN
EAST LUWA
WOOSH

CRAP.
THE DAMN THING'S CHIPPED.
WELL, I'VE CLEANED OUT LUWA.
MAYBE I'LL HIT DRA-QUEEN NEXT.
...
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ENTER THE DRAGON CASTLE!
NOT A BAD HAUL FOR A DAY'S WORK.
HOW IS THE ARMY EVEN GOING TO SURVIVE?
WHAT USE ARE THEY WITH NADIL'S HEAD CHOPPED OFF?
HMPF.
STEALING IS SO MUCH BETTER THAN SUCKING UP TO NADIL AND HIS CRETINOUS MINIONS.
HM?

THAT MUST BE THE EAST TOWER OF EKIDONNA'S SHACK.
I FORGOT TO PACK A LUNCH!
OH NO!!
CRAP!!
STOP HITTING ME, WILL YA?
PNP
PNP
LET'S GO!
YOU JUST ATE, YOU PIG!

hee hee hee
I'M GOING OUT FOR FOOD...
AND FOR THAT DOLLOP OF DOUBT, YOU WILL GO HUNGRY TONIGHT.
BOO!
LET ME GO, YOU DUMB DEMON!
PSSHH

THERE'S NO...
DOOR!
POP
POP
?
DO WE SCALE THE WALL?
ha ha ha
NAH.
NO NEED.
WE'LL JUST FLY!
SO, THIS IS IT?

OH YEAH, I PACKED SOME EMERGENCY SNACKS.
FOR THE ART OF THIEVERY!
FOR THE HONOR OF DRAQUEEN'S THIEVES!
POOOSH
YOSH!
THIS IS SERIOUS

Pooo

OH!
WOW!
THAT'S!
THIS IS A DRAGON?!
YOU BET.
WHY WOULD YOU THINK I WASN'T A DRAGON KNIGHT?!
YOU REALLY ARE A DRAGON KNIGHT!
HE SHOULD. THAT WAS HIM.
HE LOOKS JUST LIKE THE LIZARD I SAW IN MIRATTE'S CAVE.
OH, MAN.
POOSH

EARTH DRAGON!
WHAT?
KA-FUTURA

MMPH...
grrrr
snap
YES! I'M FRE-
WHAT?
HUH? NO!
still tied up...
I CAN'T USE MY WINGS.
GOTTA GET OUT BEFORE HE COMES BACK!!
growl
...
...I'M SO HUNGRY...

YOU KNOW, THIS YOKAI THIEF...
I BET HE'S NOT EVEN IN NADIL'S ARMY.
HUH?
WHAT'S NADIL'S ARMY?
WAIT HERE.
THE LORD EXPLAINED IT TO US ONCE.
HE SAID THAT YOKAI ARE EITHER IN NADIL'S ARMY, OR THEY HIDE FROM NADIL'S ARMY.
I SEE.
THERE.
GOT IT.
I'M GOING IN.
OK.
clang
rrrrrrr
AND WHAT DO WE HAVE HERE?

GET YOUR FAT ASS OFF ME!
YOUR HAND'S IN MY FACE!!!
Missed her mouth
OW.
OUCH!
WHAA!
...ONE OF US?
IS HE...
Clik Clik
?
KNOCK KNOCK
WHAT'S THAT NOISE?
thud
Crash
WHAAAAA!
AEEEEE!
IT CAN'T BE!
IT'S A DR-!!
W-
WHOA!
SWISH

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WHAT'S THE SITUATION AT THE DRAGON CASTLE?
ANY NEWS, FEDELTA?
I HAVE A FULL REPORT READY, SHY-DEMAN.

WHAT SHOULD I DO, SIR?
SHOULD I INTER-CEPT THEM?
MT. MFARTHA ?
DRAGONS SHOULDN'T KNOW WHAT'S KEPT THERE.
DID CESIA TELL THEM?
BUT EVEN SHE DOESN'T KNOW ALL ITS SECRETS...
NO NEED.
I WILL BE THERE PERSONALLY, ALONG WITH SHYRENDORA'S CAT.
YOU WILL NOT BE NEEDED.
SHY-DE-MAN?
BUT WHY?

SO LORD LYKOULEON SPLIT UP THE DRAGON KNIGHTS.
YES.
THE WATER DRAGON KNIGHT IS HEADING TO CHANTEL.
THE EARTH DRAGON KNIGHT IS IN LUWA, LOOK-ING FOR FRAGMENTS OF AN ANCIENT MAP.
AND THE FIRE DRAGON KNIGHT IS ACCOM-PANYING CESIA...
...EN ROUTE TO MOUNT MFARTHA.

FEDELTA,
I WANT YOU TO TRACK VARAWOO.
WHAT ABOUT THE MAP FRAGMENTS, SIR?
I'LL SEND OTHERS.
YES, SIR.
I SEE.
HOW INTERESTING...
...VARAWOO...
hOh
I SEE.
DEAD, SIR...
...AT LEAST, I BELIEVE SO.
BY THE WAY,
WHAT HAS BECOME OF PIERREZ?

BUT THAT CAT NEVER FOLLOWS ORDERS, SIR...
ALL THE MORE FUN FOR ME.
hOh hOh
FEDELTA.
BRIEF ME ON THE SITUATION IN THE FAERIE FOREST.
WELL, SIR...

STOP!
OH, BOY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I SMELL FOOD!
がばっ
ZWIGG
FOOD!
GLORIOUS FOOD!
CUT IT OUT, BOYS!
GET YOUR HANDS OFF THAT! THIS IS MY FOOD!
bONK
bONK
HUH?
WHAT THE ...?
IT'S A FAERIE.

bONK
that must've hurt
HMM...
I DON'T THINK SO.
EK!DON-NA?!
WHAT IS IT?!
WHAT'S THIS?
boing!
Pico
!

YOU STINKIN' THIEVES!
GET THE HELL OUT!!
bam
bam
damnit
EKIDONNA IS STILL AROUND?
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL US?!
OH NO! HE'S BACK, ALREADY!
WHAT WAS THAT?
rumble

WAIT A MINUTE.
YOU'RE A...
that hurt
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

chomp
OW!

IT'S GOOD TO SEE THAT THERE ARE STILL SOME ELVES ALIVE.
WOW!
YOU WANNA EAT?
nod nod
OH, ALL RIGHT.
?
ELVES?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
?!
EKIDONNA CAPTURED ME.
WHY WERE YOU TIED UP?
I DON'T GET IT.

WILL THAT GUY BE OKAY?
WHO KNOWS? WHO CARES?
WELL, IT'S NOT SO GOOD TO HAVE RUN INTO YOU.
JEEZ!
THIS MUST BE MY LUCKY DAY. I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO TAKE ON A DRAGON KNIGHT. SO GOOD TO HAVE RUN INTO YOU.
WHUMP
MAYBE IN THE STUFF EKIDONNA HAS STOLEN?
AN EGG-SHAPED PIECE?
IT'S ON AN EGG-SHAPED ORNAMENT. HAVE YOU SEEN IT?
MAYBE YOU CAN HELP ME FIND THAT MAP PIECE!

DRAGON?!
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, YOKAI!
GASP
HOW BEAUTIFUL! IT'S ON MY PROPERTY SO, I GUESS IT'S MINE!
I'LL DISTRACT HIM. GO FIND THE MAP FRAGMENT!
A DRAGON KNIGHT?
KICK
JUST SHUT THE HELL UP!
A PRO THIEF? I THOUGHT YOU WERE A DRAGON KNIGHT NOW, THATZ.
POP
I'M NO AMATEUR, BUDDY! I'M A PRO! AND I DIDN'T SNEAK UP ON YOU. I BROKE IN WHILE YOU WERE GONE!
AND WHO ARE YOU? SOME AMATEUR THIEF TRYING TO NEEDLE HIS WAY INTO MY LAIR?

OOFFF
SWAY
IT'S HEAVY
!
GREAT!
HERE IT IS.
THIS PLACE IS GONNA CAVE IN SOON.
WHERE'D HE GO?
DOOOMM
REALLY?
WHERE?
HMM ... YEAH
I THINK I HAVE SEEN IT.
EGG-SHAPED ...
EGG-SHAPED ...
I'LL GO GET IT FOR YOU.
DAMMIT!
I WANTED TO KNOW WHERE THE YOKAI KEPT HIS STASH!
I GOTTA FIND IT, SO WE CAN GET OUTTA HERE FAST!
POP
HANG ON A SEC!
HEY! WAIT!

GOOD JOB!
UHHH... KID...
zoom
UMPH
MY NAME'S RINGLEYS.
GOOD JOB, RINGLEYS.
CALL ME KITCHEL.
KKKPPPP
boom
boom
GREAT!
FIRST MISSION ACCOMP--
pat
pat
!
WHAT'S WRONG?
...
sobbing

slam
NOT WHILE I'M ALIVE, BUDDY.
Is he serious?
YOU BEST SURRENDER AND BECOME MY SLAVE, THEN.
ching
HEY PAL...
DAMN!
YOU'RE DESTROY-ING YOUR OWN TOWER.
OUT OF AMMO!
clang
MAN, THIS IS TIR-ING.
hmm
Step
Step
THEN FIGHT AND DIE, COWARD!
WHERE'S YOUR ARMOR?
zzzippppp
THE EGG-SHAPED PIECE!
HERE YOU GO!

GOD,
WHAT A HOLE!
HE KEEPS HIS TREASURE UPSTAIRS.
REALLY?
nnn-nnn-nnn
MAN!
WHAT'S TAKING KITCHEL SO LONG?!
YEAH!
BULLS-EYE!
WRONG!
TO DESTROY THE EVIL DEMON IN LUWA!
YEAH?
WHY'S THAT?
I KNOW WHY A DRAGON KNIGHT HAS COME HERE...
hff hff
hff hff

THE SINGLE, MOST IMPORTANT, PART OF IT HAS CHIPPED OFF!
DAMN, THAT YOKAI!
WHAT?!
IT'S THE PIECE, BUT IT'S BROKEN.
EKIDONNA THREW IT AT THE WALL.
RINGLEYS, WHAT IS THIS?
IS THAT BAD?
boom
plunk
SHE MENTIONED
PIECES OF THE MAP...
THAT SOUNDS FAMILIAR.
WHAT'S SHE TRYING TO DO, ANYWAY?
UH, OK...
zoom
YOU GOTTA FIND IT BEFORE THIS WHOLE PLACE COMES DOWN!
AND GRAB SOME OF EKIDONNA'S GOODIES WHILE YOU'RE AT IT!

A NOBLE CAUSE?
THATZ! I'VE GOT THE LAST PIECE, PLUS A FEW SOUVENIRS!
GOOD! LET'S GET OUTTA HERE!
pop
Earth
Bam
HM?
Bam
NO, I'M NOT!
you stole them first
THAT'S MY STUFF! YOU ARE HERE TO ROB ME.
COME, EARTH!
Zoom
YES!
Lets rock!!

THE LAST SLIVER OF THE MAP!
YES! I FOUND IT!
creak
I'M HERE FOR A NOBLE CAUSE!
creeeak
I mean it
WRONG AGAIN!
!
ping
ping
ping
pmg
IF I WERE A PIECE OF THE MAP...
rrrrumble
SO, YOU'RE JUST HERE TO ROB ME?

AAAGH! YOU FOOL!

MY TOWER!

crash

crash

varrooom

I JUST DON'T HAVE ANY ENERGY TO DIG THROUGH THIS RUBBLE RIGHT NOW.

I STILL HAVE THE RADAR ROCK!

IT'S OKAY.

WHAT?

YOU DROPPED THE PIECE IN THE RUBBLE?!

WE'VE FINALLY COLLECTED ALL THE PIECES OF THE MAP!
BANZAI♬!
SO THAT MEANS ...
...WE CAN FIND THE THREE TREASURES, NOW.
OH, YEAH.

GRA
COSTA RICA
CHEZARRE
VALLEY OF MIST
FOREST
MIRATTE
CHANTEL
(HOTEL)
DRAQUEEN
LUWA
DRA
DUSIS

WE SET YOU FREE.
YOU CAN GO HOME NOW.
I HAVE NO HOME ANYMORE!
ALL THE ELVES AND FAERIES HAVE VANISHED!
WHAT'S HE STILL DOING HERE?
I'M RING-LEYS.
DUNNO.
BUT YA STILL DON'T GOTTA FOLLOW US AROUND.
WHAT ABOUT YOUR FRIEND, THE ELF?
...HE NEED-ED RUNE.
I'LL NEED RUNE FOR ANOTHER MISSION.
WHY ...
SO THAT'S ...
IS IT TRUE?
HEE, HEE, HEE, HEE, HEE.
THE BEST IDEA YOU'VE HAD THIS WHOLE TRIP.
I GUESS WE CAN SPEND IT ON DINNER! ♪
WE GOT A HEFTY REWARD FOR RETURNING THE STUFF EKIDONNA STOLE.
YEAH, LET'S EAT!
GOOD THING I NEVER GAVE UP.
I'VE WORKED SO HARD AND SAC-RIFICED SO MUCH TO GET HERE.
I'M STARVING.
?
...
...

great. just what I needed
YEP.

UH. THATZ?
HEH
AN... ELF?
SEE?
smile smile
...

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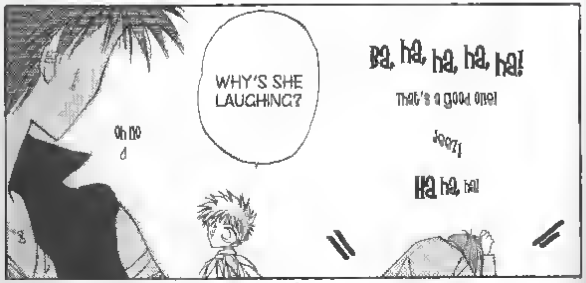
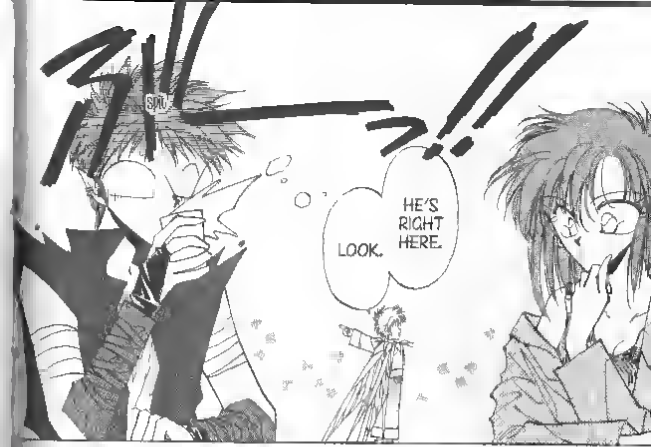

WHY'S SHE LAUGHING?
Oh no
ha, ha, ha, ha, ha!
that's a good one!
floor
ha, ha, ha!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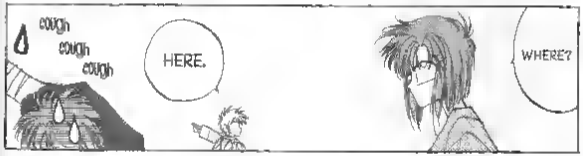
LOOK.
HE'S RIGHT HERE.


cough cough cough
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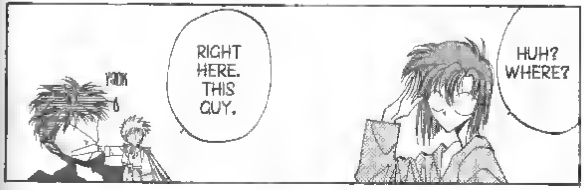
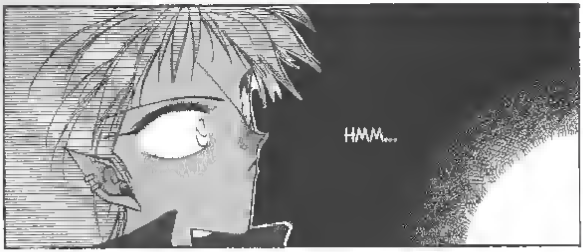
WHERE?


RIGHT HERE. THIS GUY.
HUH? WHERE?



RUNE MUST HAVE GREAT POWER.

I GUESS...

CHANTEL
THANKS FOR ALL THE HELP.
YES, PLEASE COME AGAIN.
DELTE ...
THE MAP PIECES DO LEAD TO THE THREE TREASURES ...
YOUR INSTINCTS WERE RIGHT.
...BUT THERE'S SOMETHING MISSING.

I GUESS WE GOTTA...
...PUT 'EM TOGETHER, RIGHT?
BUT I FEEL LIKE WE'RE FORGETTING SOMETHING.
WE HAVE ALL THE PIECES OF THE MAP...
PUH!
SHOOT
AND YOU CAN DO A JIGSAW PUZZLE?
fwoosh
HOW HARD CAN IT BE FOR ME?
IT'LL BE LIKE DOING A JIGSAW PUZZLE!
he is standing right?
Slam

THANK YOU.
I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU. I AM IN YOUR DEBT.
COME.
I'LL HELP YOU HIDE THOSE EARS.
IT'S NOT A PROB-LEM.
A DRAGON WITH HEALING POWER?
HEH.
hee hee
WITH THESE EARS AND HAIR, I LOOK LIKE AN ELF...
BUT I AM A DRAGON NOW.
BETTER NO ONE KNOW WHO YOU REALLY ARE.
I KNOW ELVES ARE A TARGET NOW.

GREE-TINGS.
LONG TIME NO SEE.
I NEED YOUR HELP TO BLEND IN WITH THE HUMAN WORLD.
YES IT IS.
HEY
THAT'S QUITE AN OUTFIT.
DO I LOOK THAT FUNNY?
hee hee
RUNE?!

RUNE...
WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAID THAT HE...
THE LAST TIME WE MET, YOU SPOKE OF RATH.
I APPRECIATE IT.
PERHAPS IT WILL HELP YOU FIND WHO'S BEHIND THIS.
I'LL TELL YOU ALL THAT I KNOW ABOUT THE FAERIES.
AND I'M SEARCHING FOR...
...I HAVE ANOTHER FAVOR.
BUT...
THERE IS SOMETHING I NEED TO KNOW.
UH...
WHAT?
?!

HE JUST MIGHT SOLVE IT!
WOW! THIS GUY'LL DO ANYTHING FOR TREASURE!
どよよおお
WOWWW
MMM...
happy happy
I'LL GO ORDER ROOM SERVICE.
WAIT A SEC!
I HAVE DRAGON EYES!
ping
OH, NO.
GRRR! I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS CRAP!!

sluggish
ゲター
UGGH!
I GIVE UP!
MY EYES HURT.
creak
THAT'S?!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT ...
It goes here, and...
umm...
FACE IT. WE'RE NO GOOD AT PUZZLES. BIG DEAL.
creak

WHERE ARE THE THREE TREASURES?
IS THAT ... THE MAP?
I REMEMBER NOW!
OF COURSE!
!
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE MAP...!
BUT, IT'S BLANK.
THAT WAS UNBELIEVABLE.
WHOA ...

Shine
What?
UM...
HUH?
OH, WOW!
THE PIECES ARE MOVING!

THAT MIGHT BE HARD.
YOU SEE, IT'S REALLY SMALL
TELL US, RINGLEYS! WE NEED TO FIND THE DAMN THINGS.
I DON'T BELIEVE THIS!
WHAT IS IT?!
UH. OK.
1998 ばん!
shock
I DON'T CARE! HURRY UP AND SPIT IT OUT!
YOU NEED...
THAT'S THE FINAL PIECE.
IT'S ABOUT THIS BIG.
...A SHINY GREEN ROCK.
C'MON, LET'S GO!
NOT A PROBLEM!
A LITTLE SHINY GREEN ROCK, EH?!
TODAY

LOOK.
IT'S EMPTY.
WHAT?
NOPE.
MAYBE IT'S ON THE BACK.
flip
ARGH!
I REMEMBERED!
TO FIND THE THREE TREASURES, YOU NOT ONLY NEED THE MAP AND THE DRAGON EYES...
...BUT A THIRD ITEM AS WELL.
WHAT IS IT?
GUYS, LISTEN UP.
THATZ?
someone wake me from this nightmare!

ANOTHER CONTINENT?
WAIT. THE MAP!!

...
THIS THING?
THATZ!
YOUR NECK-LACE.
KITCHEL! YOU HEARD THE KID. WE NEED THAT DUMB ROCK! LET GO OF ME!
COULD THAT BE IT, RINGLEYS?
...
HEY, YOU CAN'T--
I PICKED IT UP ON THE WAY BACK TO DRA-QUEEN.
GOOD JOB, THATZ!
PON!
YES! THAT'S THE ONE!

NOPE.
I KNOW HE'S GOT HIS EAR TO A LOT OF THINGS.
SO, WHAT ELSE DID HE TELL YOU?
I SEE.
SO MASTER TOLD YOU EVERY-THING?
GOT A PROBLEM WITH THAT?
LET'S SEE...
...
WHY ARE YOU CALLING IT THE WEST MAP?
THIS IS A MAP OF THE WHOLE WORLD.
THAT'S THE WORLD MAP.
IT LOOKS JUST LIKE MASTER'S OLD ONE!
HUH?
CAN'T BE.
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A CONTINENT THAT BIG!
CERTAINLY NOT IN THE EAST!

NO LONGER.
THERE'S A KING IN ARINAS?
A KING?!
THE DEMONS GOT SO STRONG THAT THEY DESTROYED THE KINGDOM.
NO ONE LIVES THERE NOW.
NO ONE, BUT DEMONS.
I SEE.
THE WHOLE LAND BECAME OVERRUN WITH DEMONS.
EVENTUALLY, CARTOGRAPHERS STOPPED DRAWING ARINAS ON THE MAP.
NO ONE EVEN REMEMBERS IT ANYMORE.

THERE'S ANOTHER LARGE CONTINENT IN THE EAST.
IT'S ONLY THE WESTERN HALF OF THE WORLD.
DUSIS, OF COURSE, IS NOW SEPARATED INTO SEVERAL TERRITORIES ...
...ALL OF WHICH USED TO BE RULED BY THE DRAGON LORD.
ARINAS IS THE EAST CONTINENT, AND DUSIS, OUR HOME, IS THE WEST.
DUSIS
ARINAS
A LONG TIME AGO...
ARINAS WAS ALSO RULED BY A SINGLE KING.

LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GONNA HAFTA GO THROUGH HORDES OF DEMONS TO GET TO THE TREASURE. UH...
KITCHEL?
DEMONS ...
THIS IS SOOO EXCITING! ♡
I'M GONNA FIND US A BOAT!
SHE'S REALLY NOT SCARED AT ALL?
HOY!
I FEEL SO USED ...
THAT'S PERFECT! GOOD THING YOU'RE THE DRAGON KNIGHT.
YOU CAN FINALLY PULL YOUR ♡WEIGHT AROUND HERE.

HIM?!
BECAUSE HE WENT THERE ONCE, BY HIMSELF.
I WONDER HOW MASTER KNEW ABOUT IT.

YEAH! BRING ON THE TREASURE!
HOW EXCITING!
MAYBE THERE'S LOTS OF OTHER TREASURE THERE!
WOW.
A CONTINENT THAT NO HUMAN ALIVE HAS EVER VISITED...

HELLO? THE MAP INDICATES THAT THE THREE TREASURES ARE IN ARINAS, REMEMBER?
HUH?

Please.
YEAH. THAT WOULD REALLY CRACK KITCHEL UP.
I WISH YOU WERE A FAERIE.
You'd be a great faerie.
I MISS MY FRIENDS.
sigh
HOT
YEAH, I GUESS SO.
ARE YOU GUYS GONNA TAKE A BOAT THERE?
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAP-PENED?
ALL THE FAERIES AND ELVES JUST DIS-APPEARED, EH?
SO ...
I WANDERED OUT OF THE FOREST WITHOUT PERMISSION.
THAT'S THE ONLY REASON I SURVIVED.
NO. I HAVE NO IDEA.

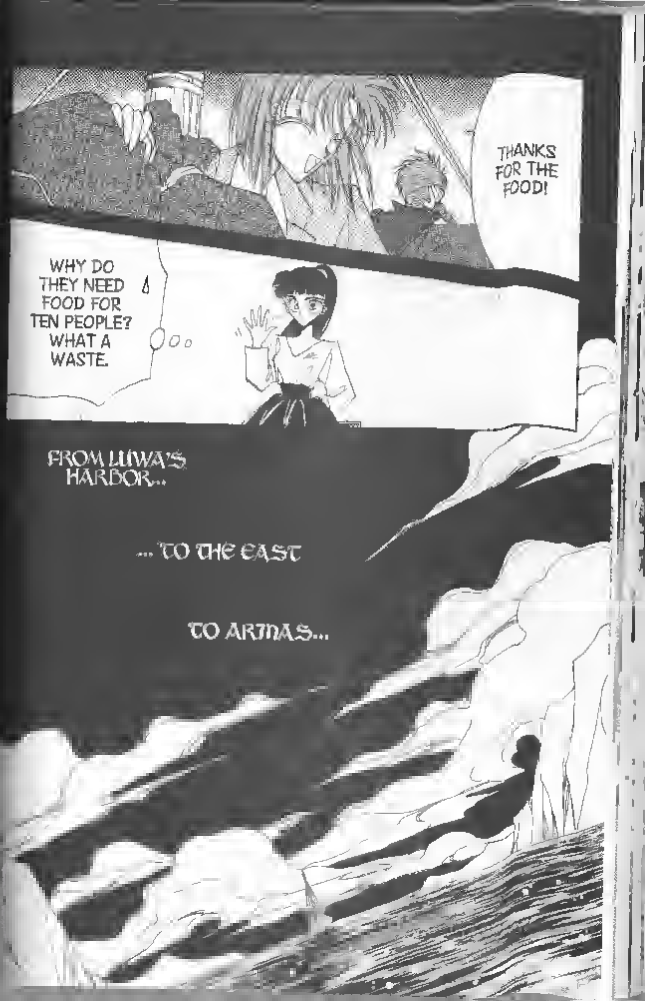
I'M A BABY CAT! MEOW! MEOW!
!
he forgot about him
RINGLEYS.
What am I gonna do with this old?
YEAH!
YOU HUNGRY?
I WENT AND GOT SOME SNACKS.

I CAN'T TELL YOU HOW HAPPY YOU'VE MADE ME.
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
NO SWEAT.
YOU'LL LET ME COME ALONG?
pap pap
help us find the fairies
IF YOU DON'T MIND HANGING OUT WITH US NON-FAERIE TYPES.
WANNA GO TREASURE HUNTING...
...WITH US?
WHAT?!

EVEN MORE QUIET THAN THE TIME NADIL PUT US ALL TO SLEEP
IT WAS SO EERIE. SO QUIET.
I RETURNED TO FIND EVERYONE GONE.
...
RINGLEYS.
YES?
SO, UH...
ANY WAY...
YEAH. THAT'S HIM.
IS HE THE ONE WHO MADE THE AQUA-BALLS?
HE'LL FIND A WAY TO BRING EVERYONE BACK.
DON'T WORRY. IT'LL BE OKAY. I HAVE AN ELFIN FRIEND.

TRUST ME. WE'LL NEED MORE!
IT'S ALREADY LOADED WITH FOOD, THOUGH.
BUT YOU GOTTA THROW IN SEVERAL BAGS OF FOOD.
OKAY. IT'S A DEAL.
GET READY TO BE FOUND, THREE TREASURES!
ARINAS, HERE WE COME. ♪
Splash
creak
YOU'LL REALLY GIVE US A DISCOUNT ON THIS SHIP?
THEN SHOULDN'T IT BE FREE?
TELL THAT TO MY DAD.
HE'S GOT A BUSINESS TO RUN.
70 percent
IT'S SMALL, BUT IT'S PERFECT FOR YOU TWO.
YOU BEAT EKIDONNA FOR US AND WE'RE GRATEFUL.

TOUCH!


THANKS FOR THE FOOD!
WHY DO THEY NEED FOOD FOR TEN PEOPLE? WHAT A WASTE.
FROM LIWA'S HARBOR...
... TO THE EAST
TO ARMAS...

DRAGONS ARE FOR BATTLE.
I KNOW! WHY DON'T WE GET EARTH TO FLY US THERE?
THEY'RE NOT FOR TRANS-PORTATION.
PAH
I NEED SHADE.
WHY IS IT SO DAMN HOT?!
FINE.
HOW MANY DAYS HAS IT BEEN?
I CAN'T KEEP TRACK ANYMORE.
SHUT UP, WILL YA?

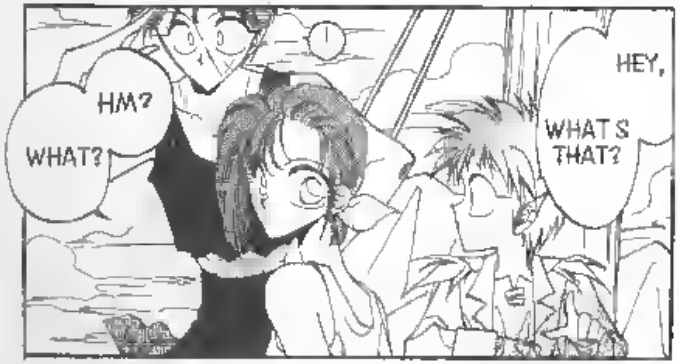
IT'S SOOO HOT!!!

I'M THE ONE WHO FOUND THE MAP.
WHY ARE YOU THE ONE KEEPING IT?
lean
ACCORDING TO THESE COORDINATES, WE'RE OKAY.
WE SHOULD BE THERE SOON.
WAIT A MINUTE!
MY DRAGON EYES.
WHAT IS IT?
MY GREEN ROCK.
I GUESS I WON'T NEED THE MAP, ONCE I GET THE TREASURE.
ha ha ha
かんら かんら
ANY QUESTIONS?
WITHOUT MY ITEMS, YOUR MAP IS USELESS.
Freeze
WELL, LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE COOLED OFF.

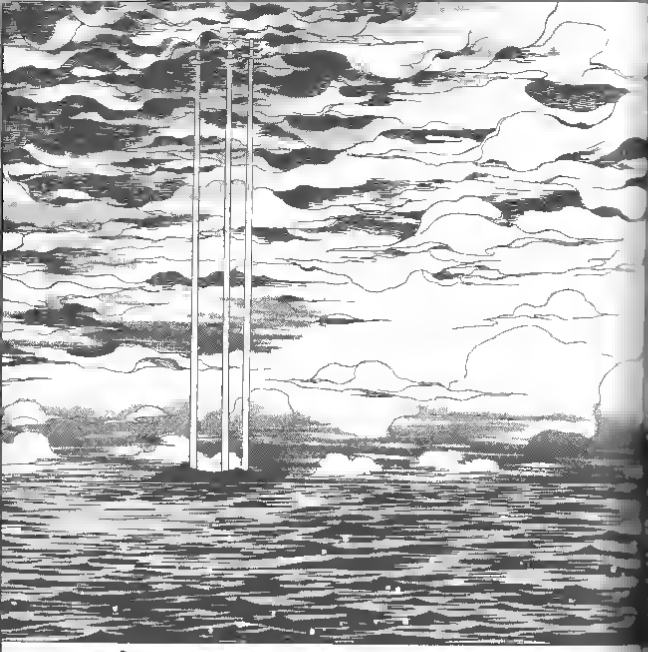
IT WOULDN'T HAVE MATTERED TO ME.
JUST KIDDING!
HEY, WAIT!
What
I'M TAKING THIS OFF.
so hot!
RINGLEYS,
I FEEL HOTTER JUST LOOKING AT YOU. AREN'T YOU DYING?
THE WIND'S CHANGED.
ARE WE STILL GOING THE RIGHT WAY?
FAN
flap flap
LET'S SEE.
click click

OH WELL.
THIS MAKES IT MORE FUN.
...
Splash...
DON'T LOOK AT ME! I DON'T KNOW EITHER.
Well?
...

I don't get them
AS LONG AS IT'S SOMETHING REALLY VALUABLE!
A WISHING MIRROR!
A CHEST OF GOLD COINS!
earrings and necklaces?
OR MAYBE A PIRATE'S BOOTY?
GOLD AND SILVER?
LET'S TRY TO GUESS WHAT IT IS!
rubies? gold doubloons?
wicker clothes basket?
Jewelry? a crown? a tiara? a magic sword? diamonds?


HM?
WHAT?
HEY, WHAT'S THAT?

I WONDER WHAT KIND OF TREASURE WE'LL FIND.
WAIT! YOU DON'T KNOW WHAT THE THREE TREASURES ARE?
WELL EXCUSE ME. SOME OF US DON'T KNOW EVERYTHING
NO. IT'S NOT THAT.
WHAT?!
I DON'T KNOW, EITHER.
WHAT?!
I THOUGHT THE DRAGON LORD TOLD YOU WHAT THEY WERE.
AND I FIGURED
. HE TOLD THE DRAGON KNIGHT!



RUMBLE
LOOK AT THOSE CLOUDS. IS IT A STORM?
...
GET READY.
WE'RE ABOUT TO ENTER TERRITORY THAT'S NOT PROTECTED BY THE DRAGON LORD.
WELL.

WHY SHOULD I TELL YOU?
DID MASTER TELL YOU ALL THAT?

THEY DIVIDE DUSIS AND ARINAS.
THEY'RE THE THREE POLES OF BEGINNING.
An island in the middle
they're here
SO HIGH.
THREE POLES GOING INTO THE SKY.

DO YOU REMEMBER?
I SAID,
COLLECT ALL THE PIECES OF THE MAP, AND YOU'LL FIND THE THREE TREASURES.
BUT IF THE DRAGONS FIND THEM FIRST...
...YOU'LL BE IN TROUBLE.
WHAT ARE THE THREE TREASURES?
YES. IT'S A STORM!!
WHOA!
AAAARGH!
splash

THE TREASURES ARE IN THE EAST.
YOU KNOW
...IN ARINAS.
?!
IT'S AN OLD DEMON EGG. HOPE IT'S STILL GOOD.
I ALMOST FORGOT. HERE'S SOMETHING FROM MR. KHARL.
YEP.
WAIT! IN ARINAS ?!
IT'S A GIFT.
TELL ME WHAT KHARL KNOWS.
AND WHAT HAPPENS IF THE DRAGONS GET THEM?
HAVEN'T A CLUE.
THEN GO FIND OUT!
SORRY. CAN'T HELP YA.
I GUESS THAT'S MY CUE TO LEAVE.
OOPS.
I'LL KILL YOU!
YOU MISERABLE HUMAN!
MR. KHARL DIDN'T WANT ME TO TELL YOU EVERYTHING.

WE MIGHT AS WELL USE THIS DEMON EGG HE GAVE US.
BUT HE DIDN'T PROVIDE US WITH ANY USE-FUL INFOR-MATION, EITHER.
HE WASN'T LYING.
crush
WOOOSH

...THE DRAGONS SHOULD BE IN ARINAS SOON.
BUT YOU BETTER HURRY..
THE DRAGONS?
AND THE THREE TREASURES?
HE WILL PAY. THAT FICKLE, SELF-SERVING ALCHEMIST! NOW I KNOW WHY WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM HIM FOR AWHILE.
CAN WE TRUST HIM?
DO YOU BELIEVE WHAT HE SAYS, SHYDE-MAN?

USE THE ROPE!
THE SHIP'S FALLING APART!
THAT'S!
CRACK
SPLASH
WHOOSH
PIAP PIAP
CREAK
HUH?
SHOCK
WHOOSH
KITCHE!

YOUR WISH IS OUR COMMAND ...
... MASTER.
THREE OF THEM?!
ALL FROM ONE EGG?!
SPLASH

!!
THAT'S!
KITCHEN!
shine
HUH? I'M NOT DROWN-ING...
WHY NOT?

WOOOSH
KA-SPLASH
CRAACK
UH-OH.
THIS IS BAD.
UMM...

...
splash
WHOOSH
UH... HUH?
WHERE THE HELL ARE WE?!
WHAT?!
boing!
rumble rumble
splash
twitch
HMM?
IS THIS ARINAS?
WELL, WE'RE DEFINITELY NOT IN DUSIS ANYMORE.

IN THIS PLACE?
squeeze
THIS IS WHERE THE THREE TREASURES ARE?!
DID WE LUCK OUT, OR WHAT?!
I
UH...
I GUESS WE DID. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
PUP

THATZ?
I THINK WE'RE IN ARINAS.
UGH. WHERE AM I?
HM?!
EWW. WHAT STINKS SO BAD?
LOOK AT THE MAP.
IT SAYS WE'VE ARRIVED!
shake
shake
WHAT'S THIS?
WHAT THE HELL?!

rustle
RIGHT.
ARINAS IS FULL OF DEMONS.
KITCHEL,
REMEMBER WHAT MASTER SAID?
hiss
SO WHAT DO WE DO?
WE KEEP RUNNING!!
ugh
dash
!
WHAT?

THREE
TREASURES
WISH

HERE.
HOLD ONTO THIS
YOUR LIGHT WILL GIVE US AWAY
RINGLEYS, GET INSIDE KITCHEL'S HOOD.
OKAY
GEE, THE SUMMIT'S STILL REALLY FAR
THINK WE'LL REACH IT TONIGHT?
SHOOT! I KEEP SLIPPING.
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE SUGGESTING
AND WE'RE NOT USING EARTH TO GET THERE. HE'LL ATTRACT TOO MUCH ATTENTION

THATZ!
THIS WAY!
IT'S HOPELESS! THERE'RE TOO MANY OF THEM.

THIS ROCK FACE WILL BE AN EASY CLIMB.
WE GOTTA HANG IN THERE 'TIL THE SUN COMES UP...

slash

lying on a slope!
I GUESS THEY DON'T NEED MY HELP RIGHT NOW.
THEY BOTH FELL ASLEEP.
zzzzz
Shiver
zzzz

WHAT DO YOU THINK?!
YOU SLEEPY?
THERE ARE DEMONS EVERY-WHERE! MAYBE YOU CAN SLEEP.
HOW CAN I SLEEP?!
THEN GET SOME SLEEP. WHY FIGHT IT?
sleep
FINE.
QUIT NAG-GING.
WOW!
YOU HAVE TO GET SOME SLEEP.
YOU HAVE A VERY IMPOR-TANT JOB TO DO TOMOR-ROW!
I'M NOT YOUR SLAVE!
ヒョイッ!

grab
HEAVE.
HO.

UH...
IF DEMONS COME, I CAN ALWAYS WAKE THEM.
but I'm scared, right now
THEY SHOULDN'T BE ASLEEP THAT LONG, RIGHT?
THEY JUST NEED A LITTLE REST.

...
WE MADE IT!
THREE TREA-SURES,
HERE WE COME!
FIRST THINGS FIRST, LET'S EAT LUNCH.
GREAT IDEA!
WHAT'S THIS?
MAYBE THE TREA-SURE'S UNDER IT.

chink
chink
chink
chink
chink
chink
chink
huff huff
huff huff
WHAT'S GOING ON?
I GUESS.
SHOULD WE DIG SOME-WHERE ELSE?
sigh
THE CIRCLE'S STILL THERE.
THIS ISN'T WORK-ING.
LIAR!
I ASKED THE DRAGON EYES FOR THEM.
twinkle
AH-HA!
WHERE'D YOU GET THAT?
HERE. USE THIS.
pickaxe
GREAT!
LET'S DIG!
chink
chink
chink
chink
?

chink
chink
I GOT THIS SIDE.
YOU GET THAT SIDE.
OKAY.
chink
chink
chink
chink
chink
chink
clank
ガギャ!
huff huff
HEY THATZ.
ARE WE EVEN SURE THIS IS THE PLACE?
IT SHOULD BE.
huff huff

WE GOTTA FIND IT...
... BEFORE THE DEMONS SHOW UP!
I KNOW.
BUT WE'VE BEEN AT IT AWHILE AND HAVEN'T MADE ANY PROGRESS...
HMM ...
MAYBE WE'RE GOING ABOUT THIS THE WRONG WAY.
It's like Wishing on the Dragon Eyes
WHAT?
heh
YOU'RE RIGHT.
IT SHOULDN'T BE THIS EASY.
THREE TREASURES...
LET'S ...
SEE ...

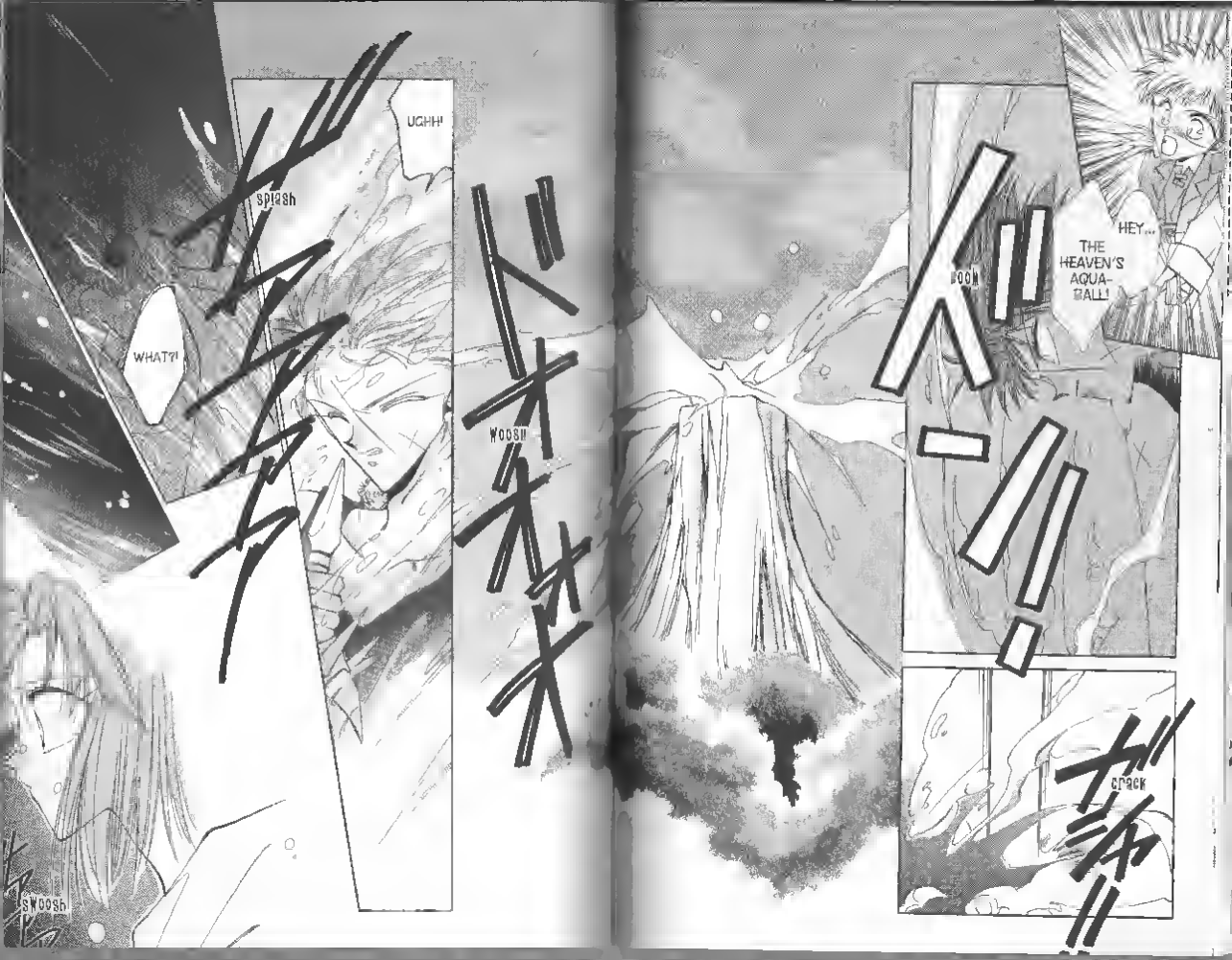
THATZ! KITCHEL!
LOOK OUT!
screech
HUH?!
!!!
!
I'VE FIGURED IT OUT!
WE NEED WATER!
BUT ...
WATER'S THE KEY TO FINDING THE TREASURE!
WATER ?
WHERE DO WE FIND SOME?
do we have climb back down?!

WAIT!
I REMEMBER NOW...THE MIRROR OF PURE BEAUTY...

THATZ?
THAT'S IT!
I SAW THEM IN THE MIRROR OF PURE BEAUTY.
YOU KNOW ABOUT THE MIRROR?

THEN YOU SHALL DIE.
YOU WON'T TOUCH A SINGLE COIN.
GET THE TREASURE, KITCHEL!
BUT WE NEED WATER.
I'VE GOT PLENTY.
DON'T WORRY.

EARTH DRAGON KNIGHT!
THE THREE TREA-SURES.
HAND THEM OVER.
THE LAST THING A BUNCH OF BUGS ARE GONNA DO IS TAKE MY TREASURE!
I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU GUYS CAME FROM OR WHAT YOU WANT WITH THE TREASURES BUT...


UGHH!
SPLASH
WHAT?!
WOOSH
SWOOSH
HEY...
THE HEAVEN'S AQUA-BALL!
BOOM
CRACK

WELL, THATZ, YOU CAN BE A REAL--
YOU KNOW, KITCHEL, YOU CAN BE A REAL PAIN IN THE ASS.
SO, WHY DON'T YOU KILL THEM FIRST?
YEAH, RIGHT. THE DEMONS WOULD FOLLOW ME.
clink
HERE! TAKE THIS AND...
Whoosh
Whacs
...JUMP RIGHT IN!

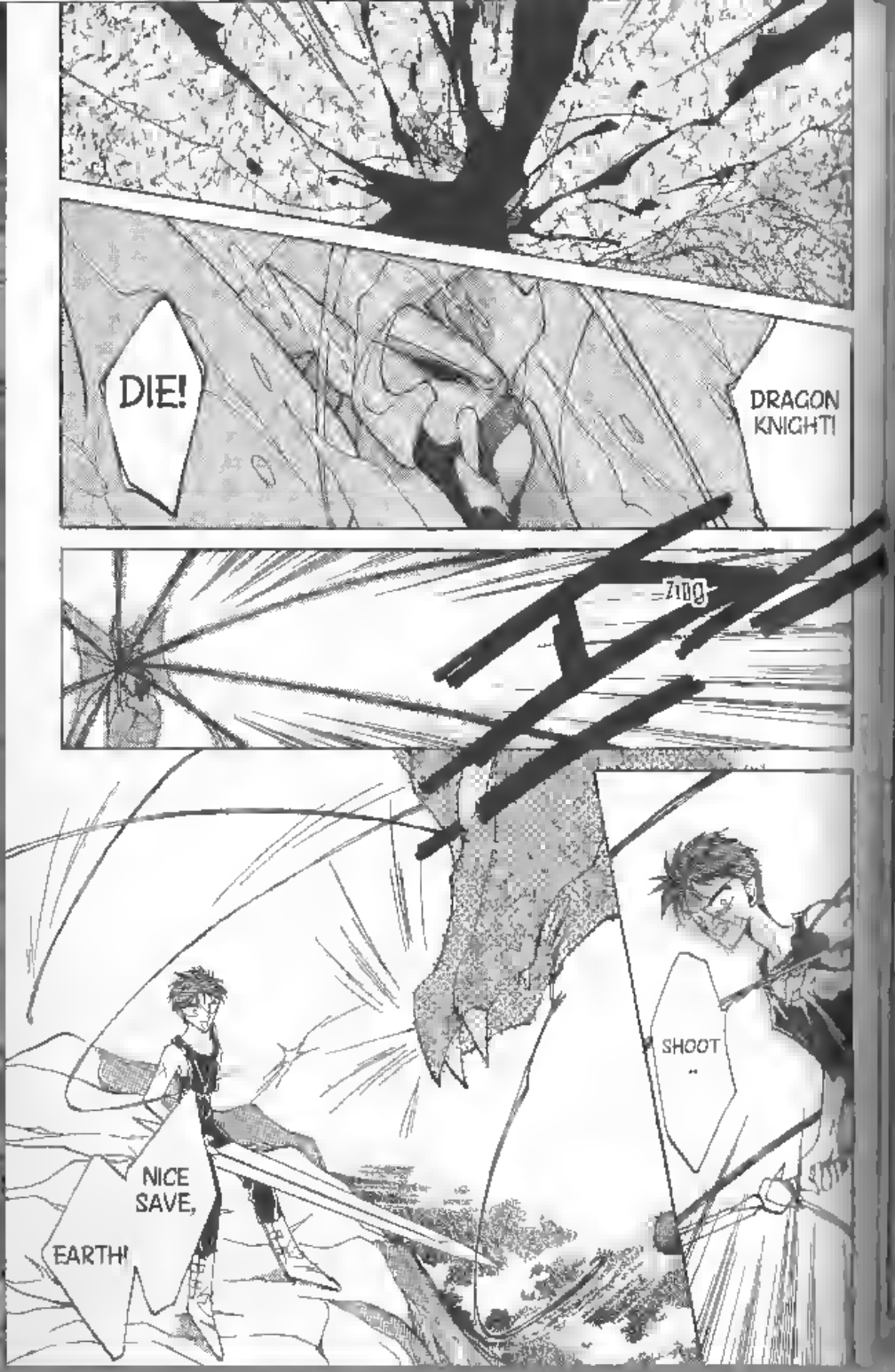
THE CIRCLE'S OPENING!
ONLY WHEN TREASURE'S INVOLVED!
spare me
I'VE GOT A GOOD MEMORY, HUH?
LOOK AT THAT!
swoosh
WHAT ABOUT YOU?!
WHY ME?
KITCHEL, JUMP IN!
THERE'S A CAVE IN THERE!

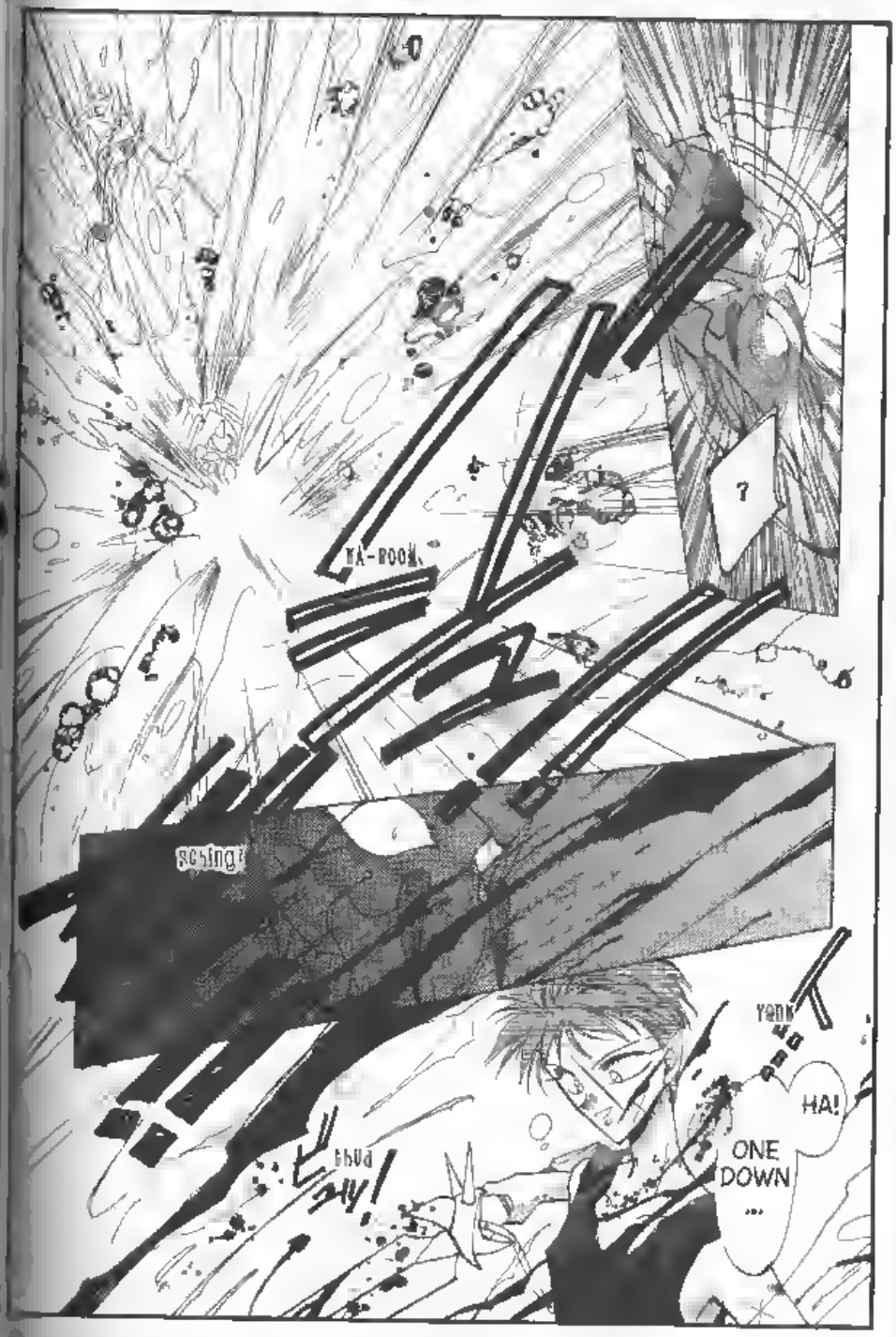
WHATCHA GONNA DO NOW?
I'VE CLOSED OFF THE CIRCLE.
THERE!
!!
CRACK
EARTH!

GOOD LUCK DOWN THERE!
SWISH
YO~U BAST~ A~DD!
RINGLEYS!
I KNOW. I'LL GO WITH HER.
THE TREA SURE'S IN THERE!?
GLONK

WE'LL KILL YOU FIRST, THEN TAKE YOUR MAGIC WATER!
EARTH DRAGON KNIGHT!
I'VE HEARD THAT ONE BEFORE.
ARE YOU READY TO DIE?
THAT AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN!
THE CAVE'S PROBABLY JUST BEYOND THAT WALL.

KITCHEL! CALM DOWN!
YOU CAN BREATHE.
!!
BUT HOW ...?
...
THE WATER IS FROM A HEAVEN'S AQUA-BALL. IT'S ELFIN MAGIC.
YOU SEE, IT WON'T HURT YOU.
NO AIR!


DIE!
DRAGON KNIGHT!
zing
SHOOT
..
NICE SAVE, EARTH!


KA-BOOM
?
sching
thud
yank
HA!
ONE DOWN
...

POOR GUY.
SHOULDA WATCHED HIS HEAD.
that's what I call down to earth.
crunch
KA-PASH
TWO DOWN...
!
NO!

zip
crack!
whack!
phew
THAT HURT. MAYBE I GOTTA RETHINK THIS KNIGHT STUFF.
MAN,
TALK ABOUT OCCUPA-TIONAL HAZARDS!
UGH!
NO!
I'LL JUST HAVE TO BRING YOU DOWN TO EARTH.
heh heh
EARTH'S MAGIC IS USELESS AGAINST THE SKY DEMONS!

THUNK

Ihhhggu
SSCRUNCH
!!
HEY!
YOU WANNA SEE THE MAGIC OF EARTH?!!
HUH

ALL THREE TREASURES.
I HAVE A WISH...
...I WISH I COULD SEE THE TREASURE. JUST ONCE.

ALL THAT DIGGING... FOR NOTHING!
THE CIRCLE'S GONE. JUST LIKE THAT.
I CAN'T FOLLOW THEM IN.
MAN
MY NECKLACE SHOULD PROTECT YOU.
WELL, KITCHEL ...
...IT'S ALL UP TO YOU, NOW.
KITCHEL

PIOP

I HAVE A QUESTION.
HEY.

DUNNO ...
WHAT ARE THESE THINGS?

THE THREE TREASURES...
OH, LOOK!
THE MAP IS TELLING US SOME-THING.
WHAT?
SAY, HOW DO WE GET OUTTA HERE?!
Is it a Way out?
Don't Worry We'll get out

Dragon Knights
BERTHA'S CURSE

MAN.
OW...
WHAT?!
YOU SWITCHED PLACES WITH ZOMA?!
BEFORE THAT, I AND KITCHEL REACHED ARUWAS...
...IN THE NORTH END OF THE MEMPHIS KINGDOM...
I REALLY SHOULD NOT HAVE MADE CESIA ANGRY.
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
HUFF
...
HUFF
HUFF

BIRDS FOR SALE!
TWEET
TWEET
TWEET
WHAT HAP-PENED?
ARE YOU OKAY, MISTER?
YOU DON'T LOOK WELL. I CAN TAKE YOU TO MY HOUSE TO REST.
HEY.
BUY A BIRD, BUDDY!
WAS I CURSED?!
CIAO
CIAO
...WHEN I WOKE UP, I WAS AN ANIMAL.
THEN I GOT REAL DIZZY AND...
RATH AND I ARGUED, SO I WENT TO BERTHA'S FOREST ALONE...

DOES THIS MEAN...
I TRUST HER...?
AND WHY CAN'T I KEEP MY BIG MOUTH SHUT WHEN I'M WITH...
I THOUGHT IF I WENT WITH HER, I WAS SURE TO RUN INTO SOME DEMONS.
Just like when I'm with Ruth
Oh no...
S'CUSE ME.
CRUSH
WHY IS THIS HAP-PEN-ING NOW?
HUFF
HUFF
NO WAY.
I CAN'T. SHE'S A YOKAI.

RATH!
yip yip
clang
stare
I FOUND IT WANDERING AROUND IN BERTHA'S FOREST.
IT'S ME, CESIA!
WEIRD. WHY DOES IT REMIND ME OF CESIA?
IT'S ME! I WAS CURSED IN THE FOREST!
HOW ABOUT IT, SIR? WE GOT A DEAL?
RATH!!

TAKE A LOOK.
IT'S A RARE ONE.
tweet
THAT THERE'S A SACRED ANIMAL.
WHAT?!
WE'VE GOT SOME UNIQUE CREATURES, LIKE THIS ONE.
VERY UNUSUAL! A MUST-HAVE!
CESIA?
OH, NO.

YOU HAVE NO CHOICE, CESIA. RIGHT?
...!
hop
spin
spin
WOW. It's dancing
hilarious
har har har
hee-hee
ha ha ha
HOW MUCH?
hee hee
I'LL TAKE IT.

UH...
IT'S A SACRED, A HOLY ANIMAL, YOU KNOW.
WHAT?!
IS IT EDIBLE?
DOES THAT MEAN I CAN'T?
UM...NO.
squawk
squawk
I COULD SKIN IT, RIGHT?
WELL, I COULD BUY IT.
twinkle
twinkle
UH...
DANCE?
I don't know if it can
WHAT? ...
I'LL BUY IT IF IT DOES A DANCE FOR ME.
HE KNOWS IT'S ME!
hee
hee
hupp
hupp

HI THERE.
IT'S YOU...
OH!
IT'S YOU!
YOU HAD ME WORRIED.
HELLO?
I LIVE HERE.
MY GRANDMA'S A FORTUNE TELLER.
SHE'S UNDER BERTHA'S CURSE.
WHAT?
THE PAIN IS ...
COME AWAY
DON'T FALL OFF.
PHEW
SHOCK
LET'S SEE.
WHERE TO NOW?
MAYBE A FORTUNE-TELLER ...
きゅん?

BERTHA'S CURSE?
LONG AGO A WITCH NAMED BERTHA CURSED THE FOREST.
I THOUGHT HER CURSE WOULD HAVE BEEN BROKEN BY NOW.
I'M SURPRISED THAT IT STILL HAS THE POWER TO TURN SOMEONE INTO AN ANIMAL.
BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE TURN INTO A SACRED BEFORE.
HOW DO WE CHANGE HER BACK?
PATIENCE, MY CHILD.
IT APPEARS THIS YOUNG LADY IS VERY SUSCEPTIBLE TO SPELLS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
I wonder what...
POOR GIRL. SHE MUST HAVE HAD A SPELL CAST UPON HER AT BIRTH.
HER BODY SOAKS UP MAGIC.
...SINCE BIRTH?
UNDER A SPELL...
LET'S GET YOUR FRIEND SPEAKING AGAIN,
SHALL WE?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
YOU'RE WELCOME, DEAR.
MY ELIXIR NEVER FAILS.
bow bow
pou pou
phew
AAAH!
THAT WAS SO STRESSFUL!
refreshed

clench
WHAT DO I DO, NOW?
AND I'M OUT OF THE DRUG THAT NORMALLY BREAKS HER CURSE.
BERTHA DIED YEARS AGO, UNFORTUNATELY.
?!
WHO IS HE?
WHAT?
OOPS.
HE CAN BREAK THE SPELL.
...
DID I STARTLE YOU?
AN EXPERT DEMON HUNTER STANDS BEFORE YOU.
I DON'T KNOW HIM!
WHO IS HE?
DOES HE KNOW ME?
HM?
IT'S INTERFERING WITH HER NATURAL POWERS.
...THE OTHER SPELL WILL BE GONE, TOO.
WHEN BERTHA'S CURSE IS BROKEN...
IS IT HER WIND?
PIERREZ SAID THAT...
BERTHA'S NATURAL POWERS...
AH, YES.
THERE IS A VERY STRONG SPELL SHE CARRIES WITH HER FROM CHILDHOOD.
I LIKED HER QUIETER.
hmpf!
WHAT DO I DO, THEN?! KILL BERTHA?
OR BURN DOWN THE FOREST?!

TELL ME.
WHAT DO YOU SEE?
GUARDIAN DRAGON...
...DOES SHE MEAN FIRE?
IF YOU WANT TO KNOW..
bZZZ
YOUR STRENGTH IS DIMINISHING.
bZZ
bZZ
BUT SHE CAN?!
YOU ARE IN TERRIBLE PAIN.
CAN'T SEE RATH IN A CRYSTAL!
SHE CAN SEE HIM?
REALLY?
I SEE..
I JUST GOTTA KILL BERTHA'S DEMON, EH?
IF YOU WERE TO POUR THE BLOOD OF BERTHA'S DEMON ON HER...
WELL..
WHAT DOES HE MEAN? I CAN BREAK THE SPELL?
NO THANKS
BYE.
BUT, DON'T YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR FUTURE... RATH?
LET'S GO, LITTLE ONE.
HE'D RISK HIS LIFE FOR A LITTLE SACRED?
WHAT?
YOUR GUARDIAN DRAGON ...
...IS GETTING WEAK.
PIUCK

HOW MUCH DID SHE FIND OUT?!
SHE SAW THROUGH ME!
RATH!

THE SHADOW OF THE ONE WHO HOLDS IT...
THERE ARE RED AND BLACK LIGHTS INSIDE YOU. NEW POWER EROM YOUR GUARDIAN DRAGON.
YES. I SEE IT.
bZZ
YOU...
...WISH...
...TO DIE.
SHUT UP!
CCRRRAAASSSSH!

NO, TUPET!
I'LL GO TELL HIM...
... WHERE THE DEMON IS!
BUT RATH ...
I WISH I COULD HAVE TOLD HIM MORE.
BUT MY SPECIAL CRYSTAL CRACKED.
YES, PRINCESS?
GRINFISH?
WELL, IT IS RATH.
HE WOULDN'T HAVE LISTENED.
YES. WE SHALL ARRIVE THERE AHEAD OF THEM.
TO MT. MFARTHA THEN, PRINCESS?
grin
gasp!
swish
HM ...
IT'S NOT EASY TO SMILE LIKE THE LORD.
click
GRIN-FISH?

RATH
...
...WANTS TO DIE?
...HER DTA TV? WITH THAT ANIMAL... THE GIR...
RATH.
chirp chirp chirp
HERE.
IT'S FROM ROOM SERVICE.
DID YOU GET MY LIQUOR?
RIGHT HERE.
tap
EVER HAD ANY?
WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT ALCOHOL, ANY-WAY?
ER, OF COURSE ...

MAY! NOW...
...LEARN WHO YOU ARE?
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.
OH, DON'T WORRY. IT WAS TO BE EXPECTED.
I'M SORRY ... I CRACKED YOUR GREAT CRYSTAL.
SHE IS THE HEAVEN'S STAR PRINCESS, BELOVED THROUGH-OUT THE KINGDOM.

munch munch
...I GUESS.
WELL ...
NICE, EH?
...!
MM!

IS THAT WHY YOUR HAIR LOOKED DIFFERENT BEFORE?
SO, YOU'VE BEEN UNDER A SPELL SINCE BIRTH.
I USED TO DRINK A LOT WHEN I LIVED WITH THE WITCH.
I don't know why it's so hard...
I was forced to.
THEY TOLD ME THAT THE DRAGON TRIBE SHOULDN'T SEE MY TRUE FORM.
THOSE WERE TOUGH TIMES.
...YOU WERE JUST LYING TO US.
gulp gulp
gulp gulp
I THOUGHT ...
OH, NEVER MIND.
Ah, that's good stuff.
phew. It's good
HMM?
YOU'RE SURROUNDED BY NICE PEOPLE.
CAN I TELL YOU SOMETHING?
I ENVY YOU.

GLUG, GLUG.
IS HE...
Uh-
Oh
DRUNK ALREADY?!
It's strong liquor but...
he only had a little...
SHUT UP! YOU WANT ME TO SHAVE YOU?!
UH...
ER...
MAYBE YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH.
HAVE A DRINK.
sweet too 1959
...
MAN,
I HATE IT WHEN PEOPLE FIND OUT ABOUT ME!
IT'LL BE OK...Y...
ANOTHER ONE!
I DON'T LIKE ALCOHOL.
I DON'T KNOW.
IT'LL HELP YOU GET TO SLEEP.
!
YOU CAN'T SLEEP?
Uh...
What?
THIS SUCKS.
SHIT!
I NEVER NEEDED TO DRINK BEFORE.
I USUALLY UNWIND BY KILLING DEMONS!
IT'S CHEAP AND STRONG,
SO GO EASY.

..EVER SINCE I'VE HAD IT...
CAN'T SLEEP ...
...MY MIND IS FALLING APART...
I'VE BEEN IN PAIN...
DRAGON LORD!
THE OFFICERS! WHY'D THEY GIVE HIM TO ME?!
A DRAGON?! ME?!
What?

THAT DAMN FORTUNE-TELLER!
DRAGONS, NICE? YEAH, SURE THEY ARE.
SO NICE, THEY PISS ME OFF!
HE GETS DRUNK SO EASILY...
Will he be okay tomorrow?
big mistake
YOU KNOW SOME-THING?
UH-UH.
YOU DON'T LIKE THEM, RATH?
THEY'RE USING ME. I'M JUST A TOY TO THEM.
THEY USE THE GUARDIAN DRAGON TO CHAIN ME.
...
I PRETEND TO LIKE THEM, BUT I HATE THEM.

HE'S REALLY...
HE LOOKS SO PEACEFUL...
...RELIEVED.
RATH.
HAVE A GOOD NIGHT,
WHAT'S THIS? I FEEL SO HAPPY...
OH.
HE WENT TO SLEEP

UMM.
YOU'RE WARM...
HE'S GOT A FEVER.
HE SAID HE WASN'T DOING WELL...
?!
ZZZZ
ZZZZ
...
RATH?
ZZZZ
MAKES ME FEEL ...
UH...
SO TINY.
BUT HOLDING YOU...

I'M TUPET! I STAY IN THE NEXT ROOM.
OH, HELLO. YOU'RE STILL AROUND?
!
HEY! GET UP, YOU ANIMAL!
RATH!
thing!
GOOD MORNING!
I'LL TAKE YOU TO THE FOREST! ♡
UH, I SEE...
LET'S GO.

RATH!
chirp chirp
RATH! ARE YOU UP?
knock knock
HUH?
knock knock
IT'S ALMOST NOON!
...
ZZZZZ
woosh!
?!
THE LAST THING I REMEMBER WAS DRINKING THAT LIQUOR.
LAST NIGHT? WHAT HAPPENED?!
ZZZZ

pluck
OKAY, I'LL WAIT HERE.
THEN IT'S NOT SAFE FOR YOU TO GO IN THE FOREST.
NO...
WHAT'S THE POINT OF THAT?!
pluck
dangle
WAIT A SECOND!
HMM?
WHERE'S YOUR AMULET?
WHAT-EVER YOU SAY, SIR.
LISTEN, I'M HUNTING DEMONS BECAUSE I WANT TO!
I WAS SO CLOSE.
buzz
buzz
sigh
FOR NOW, TRY TO STAY AWAY FROM DEMONS, OKAY?
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO FIND IT LATER.
YES, SIR.
HEY, WHAT'D I SAY LAST NIGHT?
WHAT?
HOW CAN I GET RID OF THAT ANIMAL?
sigh
HE'S REALLY FROM THE DRAGON TRIBE!
...
IT'S TRUE!
HEY,
IT'S EASY TO CAST A SPELL ON YOU, RIGHT?
THEN WHAT?
UH... YOU GOT DRUNK!
...YOU FELL ASLEEP.
THEN...

AIEEE!
MAYBE IT SNIFFED US OUT.
WHAT?
HOW DID IT FIND US?!
ZZIIO
NO.
YOU STAY HERE!
IT'S HUNTING TIME!
RATH!
?!

WHAT?
UNAH
I MIGHT AS WELL PICK UP SOME FEVER-REDUCING HERBS, TOO.
BAM
CRRRASSH
Zip
WHAT THE..?

WOW... DRAGONS SURE KNOW HOW TO FIGHT
THIS WOUND ISN'T TOO BAD.
I CAN'T WALK.
!
OW!
...
OKAY.
...
CAN YOU FIND ME A PLANT THAT'LL STERILIZE IT?

UGhhhh
CESIA'S...
...WIND!
thUd
PLANTS?
UH ...
...SHE'S GETTING PLANTS.
I MEAN, SHE GOT SCARED AND RAN!
WHERE'S CESIA?
RATH!
ARE YOU OKAY?!
MMM...
HUFF
HUFF
WHAT?
THAT'S WEIRD.
CESIA'S NOT SCARED OF DEMONS.
YOU MEAN, THAT SACRED?

HUFF
I FEEL WEAK, JUST LIKE YESTERDAY...
THIS NEW POWER OF THE DRAGON KNIGHT...
...THE ONE WHO HOLDS IT...
HUFF
...THAT POWER!
I NEED...
I SEE...
WHERE

Whish
OW!
WHERE THE HECK IS SHE?
I UNDERSTAND.
I CAN FEEL THE PAIN GOING AWAY...
rustle
DON'T TELL ME THAT.
I'M SORRY, TUPET.
BUT I DON'T TRUST SENTIMENTS LIKE THAT.
...WHEN CESIA IS NEAR.
COME ON, CESIA!
THE BLOOD WILL DRY OUT SOON.

slimy
tee hee
CESIA CAN. IT'S NOTHING TO HER.
DIDN'T THINK SO.
AIEEE!
CAN YOU HOLD THIS FOR ME?
drip
drip
RATH, DO YOU LIKE THAT ANIMAL?
I MEAN ...
...I LIKE YOU.
I, UH...
WHERE IS SHE?
I TOLD HER TO STAY HERE.
damn
UH... WELL...

...SET ME FREE OR MAKE ME A CAPTIVE?
WILL HER POWER...
IF BERTHA'S CURSE IS BROKEN, THE OTHER SPELL WILL END, TOO.
... I'LL REGAIN MY NATURAL POWERS.
IF THE WITCH'S SPELL IS GONE...
WHAT KIND OF POWERS ARE THEY?!
!!
WHAT?
KINDA GOT TIED UP,
LOOKING FOR FEVER-REDUCING PLANTS.
NEVER MIND.
BOINK
HEH, HEH...HI.
WHERE THE HECK WERE YOU?
LET'S SEE...
MY FEVER'S GONE, RIGHT?
DON'T YOU WANT TO BREAK THE CURSE?!
OF COURSE I DO!
BUT, THE BLOOD WILL DRY UP BEFORE YOU GET BACK!
WAIT! I'VE GOTTA GET THIS PLANT TO TUPET FIRST!
ANY-WAY,
HERE'S THE BLOOD

WOW...
CESIA...
...SHE'S SHINING GOLD?!
!!
WHAT?!
DRAGON EYES?!
DO I LOOK DIFFER-ENT?
...THAT MEANS SHE'S NOT A YOKAI?!
SHE HAS REAL DRAGON EYES...

HUMPH!
UM ...
...
BAA-
HA-HA! HA, HA, HA, HA!
SNORT
?!
YOU DID HELP ME...
...SO...
THANKS
UGH!
RATH, DO I LOOK ANY DIFFERENT TO YOU?
mad
MAN!
YOU'RE SUCH A PAIN!
NO WAY!
I DON'T BELIEVE IT.
AND I LIKED YOU BETTER WHEN YOU WERE DRUNK!
IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH?
I LIKED YOU MUCH BETTER WHEN YOU WERE THAT RAT.
BUT HE AGREED TO IT!
AND MADE ZOMA COVER FOR YOU!
EXCUSE ME?! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO FOLLOWED ME,

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